

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A computer system, comprising:
a sidewall having an aperture therethrough; and
a multiple-connector apparatus disposed to pass at least partially through the aperture, able to be positioned in a retracted position to conceal at least one of the connectors inside the computer system and in an extended position in which at least one of the connectors is accessible outside of the computer system;
and wherein, in the retracted position, a remote side of the multiple-connector apparatus is flush with the sidewall.

Claim 2 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 1 further comprising:
a push-push mechanism facilitating movement of the multiple-connector apparatus.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A computer system comprising:
a housing having a top side and a sidewall; and
a retractable, extendible port connector apparatus having a plurality of port connectors arranged in a plane substantially parallel to the top side and adapted to receive mating connectors in a direction substantially parallel to the sidewall when in an extended position, and having a remote side that is flush with the sidewall when in a retracted position.

Claim 4 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 3 wherein:
the sidewall has an aperture; and
the port connector apparatus includes an extension/retraction

mechanism that enables the port connector apparatus to be extended and retracted through the aperture.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A computer system comprising:
a housing means having an aperture; and
a means for changing a total number of port connectors exposed outside of the housing means;
and wherein:
_____ the changing means enables a plurality of the port connectors to move back and forth through the aperture; and
_____ the changing means is not fully detachable from the housing means.

Claim 6 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 5 further comprising:
a means for holding the port connectors in a retracted position relative to the housing; and
a means for releasing the port connectors from the retracted position relative to the housing.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A computer system comprising:
a housing; and
a connector tray connected to the housing and having a plurality of port connectors;
and wherein:
_____ more port connectors are accessible when the connector tray is extended at least partially outside the housing than when the tray is retracted within the housing; and
_____ the connector tray is not removable from the housing.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A port connector mechanism for use in a computer system comprising:
_____ a connector tray having first and second portions pivotably connected together;

a plurality of port connectors disposed in the second portion of the a
connector tray; and

an extension/retraction mechanism that locks the first and second
portions ~~connector tray~~ in a retracted position until released therefrom and enables
the released ~~connector tray~~ first and second portions to extend to an extended
position at which the second portion can pivot relative to the first portion.

Claim 9 (Original): A port connector mechanism as defined in claim 8
wherein:

the extension/retraction mechanism comprises a push-push
mechanism.

Claim 10 (Original): A port connector mechanism as defined in claim 8 further
comprising:

an actuator button that, upon activation, causes the
extension/retraction mechanism to release the connector tray from the retracted
position.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for changing a number of
accessible port connectors of a computer system comprising:

providing the computer system with a multiple-connector tray with first
and second portions in a retracted position relative to a housing of the computer
system, the multiple-connector tray having at least one connector in the second
portion inaccessible in the retracted position; and

extending the multiple-connector tray to an extended position relative
to the housing to expose the second portion; and

pivoting the second portion relative to the first portion to render in
which the connector is accessible.

Claim 12 (Original): A method as defined in claim 11 further comprising:
releasing the multiple-connector tray from the retracted position.

Claim 13 (Original): A method as defined in claim 11 further comprising:
retracting the multiple-connector tray back to the retracted position.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A computer system, comprising:
a retractable multiple-connector apparatus that is not detachable from the computer system.

Claim 15 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 14 further comprising:
a housing;
and wherein the retractable multiple-connector apparatus is integrated with the housing.

Claim 16 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 14 wherein:
the retractable multiple-connector apparatus retracts entirely into the computer system.

Claim 17 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 14 further comprising:
a housing;
and wherein the retractable multiple-connector apparatus retracts within the housing to a position at which a remote side of the retractable multiple-connector apparatus is flush with a wall of the housing.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A computer system as defined in claim 14 further comprising:
a housing;
and wherein the ~~retractable multiple-connector apparatus comprises a~~ second portion that pivots relative to the housing upon being extended from the housing.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A computer system as defined in claim 18 wherein:
the second portion of the retractable multiple-connector apparatus pivots to a vertical position relative to the housing.

Claim 20 (Original): A computer system as defined in claim 19 wherein:
the retractable multiple-connector apparatus further comprises a

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plurality of connectors accessible from a side away from the housing of the computer system.